



BYE! . . . It's difficult to say "bye" to gals like Mary Hauser but you've got to do it as of this week 'cause she's leaving Mary Davis' Portifino Inn, after eight years service, for the Playboy Mansion in Chicago. She'll be sorely missed in the operation of the Portifino and she's moving to a windy area.

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

It's a Beautiful Day

That's what you call optimism and living dangerously in the prognostication department 'cause at the present hunt-and-peck session, it's pouring down with that stuff like there's no tomorrow. And come to think of it, the way it's going, tomorrow will simply wash away!

But possibly by the time this hits the public prints it will be just that — a beautiful day and then we can all go hand-in-hand and skip out to our favorite sup 'n' sip spot for a bash and a bite.

And speaking of Venice, (were we? Looks like it out on this street!) notice that Dick Johnston, owner-host of the Charter Oak Restaurant on Venice Boulevard in Mar Vista is delighted with the response he's received from the patrons on his Early Bird Dinners.

They knock a dollar off on both the New York and the top sirlin dinners between the hours of 4 and 6 daily. Regular price for these entrees is \$3.95 so be an early bird and get the worm!

You'll find a comfortable old English atmosphere here and it's conveniently located just west of the San Diego Freeway where the banquet facilities and parking are more than ample and features entertainment nightly.

Noticed also, according to El Presidente, Bill Fremont that Dick is the newest member of the Bay Area Restaurant and Hotel Association, Inc.

While on the subject of Bill Fremont, see where his popular winter dish (or at least one of them) at The Matador Restaurant has caught on beautifully with his patrons. It's the pepper steak a la gitana served gypsy style — for \$5.95 a person.

Consists of a 14-ounce piece of eastern prime broiled New York, all trimmed of fat and topped with sauteed pimientos, green peppers, onions, and fresh mushrooms. Assorted relishes comes with it plus your choice of soup or salad and rice. Fine cold weather fare.

Another piece of interesting fare can be found at the Bruin Theater in Westwood. It's "The Magus" which, as close as we can determine, means magic. And magic it is, too.

It's a thought-provoking film with lots of flash-backs which keep you alert 'cause if you miss one, forget it! You're lost.

It stars Michael Caine, Anthony Quinn, Candice Bergen, and Anna Karina. You'll enjoy this picture and that's for sure! And it'll make you think. Quinn is in the title role. Could be a smash hit.

But if you're looking for smash hits, try Millie Riera's Seafood Grotto in Redondo Beach. It's been just that for 22 years now, not only for its beautiful sea-view but for its blend of Sicilian recipes. One in particular comes to mind and that's cioppino. A solid favorite.

You've got more than 30 fish entrees from which to choose as well as steaks and pasta. Millie's is open daily for luncheon and dinner.

Never can pass up a chance to mention Raquel Welch, she's such a doll, and Frank Sinatra shares stellar honors with her in "Lady In Cement" which opens citywide Feb. 5 on a double bill with "Pretty Poison" featuring Anthony Perkins and Tuesday Weld.

Bo-y-oh-boy! Those Amigos Family Restaurants surely do get around, don't they? The two most recent we have in mind of course are located in Marina del Rey and the Del Amo section respectively, in the Torrance area.

There's to be an elaborate ribbon cutting ceremony at the one in Torrance along about Feb. 10, at which time everybody and his brother will probably turn out, even including his honor, Mayor Albert Ison of Torrance.

This one's been open for a short time already but you know these restaurateurs — they like to iron out any bugs and kinks before they hold their official grand opening.

And if you happened to have been in the Amigos in Marina del Rey one nite not too long ago and thought you saw Lola Albright picking up a take-out order, don't go rushing to your eye doctor. It was her! It's a twice-a-week (at least) stop for Miss Albright, otherwise known as Mrs. Bill Chadney, well known entertainer-restaurateur from Southern California.

This one's located at 14160 Panay Way in The Marina and is open from 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. They open at 10 in the aye Saturday and Sunday for savory Mexican and American food and drinks, all served in an elegant atmosphere. You've got to make this one of your "must try" stops soon if you haven't already.

threw that in for what it was worth.

By the way, "Plaza Suite" has been extended to Feb. 15, due to the tremendous response from the theater going public.

Whoa, now! Everybody knows Mary Davis and her Portifino Inn . . . and if you really want to boil it down — everybody knows Mary Hauser, too. But if you don't, you better hie ye on over there sometime Friday this week and meet this highly efficient little gal 'cause that's to be her swan song with the Portifino Inn. Mary Davis is pitching a wild bash for her on that day.

Seems after eight years as assistant manager of Mary's delightful spot on the harbor, she's leaving for the fertile grounds in and around Chicago when she assumes the duties as general manager of the Playboy Mansion in Chi.

Y'see, the reason why Mary Davis is so happy for M. Hauser (notwithstanding the fact she's losing her right hand!) is that she joined Miss Davis back in 1962 when the Portifino became a structure and practically built the thing along with M. Davis. In fact, if you had happened to swing by there any time, day . . . nite you might have seen two gals swinging hammers . . . they were Mary and Mary!

In addition to her prowess with a ball pen, she's also an expert gourmet cook. Can you believe this? Well it's true! And if she ever gets really up against it, she can always hire out as a waitress — and one of the best "hashers" in the business. That's the way this gal goes! When she learns a business, she learns it from the bottom up!

So like all the best to Mary Hauser in her new enterprise in Chicago. And Illinois' gain is most certainly California's loss. And especially a loss to The Portifino! But we're sure Mary Davis is up to handling it! Here, too, is one of the efficient ones.

Happened to pick up this cute little aside on Lee Grant, co-starring with Dan Daily these nites at the Huntington-Hartford in "Plaza Suite." Great, by the way!

Seems that Lee was scheduled to start a new movie in Hollywood but was detained due to the recent storm. She was marooned in her home at Malibu!

And the name of the movie in which she's appearing is named, of all things — "Marooned!" How's that grab you! Just

Where the actio is? Well now, that's no lie 'cause the action these nites is at The Zebra Room — or at least a heckava lot of it.

You probably remember when the Fanatics were at the Zebra Room here a few months ago and now "by popular demand" they're back and they're The New Fanatics headed up by the same swingin' Jimmy Sanchez.

By way of sort of bringing you up to date on the group, it's Steve Hayes and Art Gross on bass and drums, and they all sing up a storm. Got a bunch of crazy new sounds!

Meanwhile you'll still find Helen serving 'em at your table, and Frank and Roger are on the bar. Let's see, now, there's still another guy over there on Hawthorne Boulevard that works the plank at the Zebra Room . . . oh yeah — Jerry! He's the other one and come to think of it, he owns the joint. Now how could you forget him!

Anyway, make it there soon and catch these groovy cats. They'll put you away!

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